

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty four bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1561–1584, S. Res. 224–229, and S. Con. Res. 37.

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Measures Reported:

H.R. 692, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

S. Res. 82, designating August 16, 2007 as “National Airborne Day”.

S. Res. 171, memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

S. Res. 173, designating August 11, 2007, as “National Marina Day”.

S. 720, to amend title 4, United States Code, to authorize the Governor of a State, territory, or possession of the United States to order that the National flag be flown at half-staff in that State, territory, or possession in the event of the death of a member of the Armed Forces from that State, territory, or possession who dies while serving on active duty.

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Measures Passed:

Congratulating Johns Hopkins University Men's Lacrosse Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 227, congratulating the Johns Hopkins University Blue Jays for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship.

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Congratulating Brown University Women's Crew Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 228, congratulating the Brown University women's crew team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Rowing Championship.

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Honoring William Clifton France: Senate agreed to S. Res. 229, honoring William Clifton France.

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Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 202), Whitehouse (for Coburn/DeMint) Modified Amendment No. 1311 (to Amendment No. 1150), to require the enforcement of existing border security and immigration laws and Congressional approval before amnesty can be granted.

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Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7271–S7313**

Dodd/Menendez Amendment No. 1199 (to Amendment No. 1150), to increase the number of green cards for parents of United States citizens, to extend the duration of the new parent visitor visa, and to make penalties imposed on individuals who overstay such visas applicable only to such individuals.

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Sessions Amendment No. 1235 (to Amendment No. 1150), to save American taxpayers up to \$24 billion in the 10 years after passage of this Act, by preventing the earned income tax credit, which is, according to the Congressional Research Service, the largest anti-poverty entitlement program of the Federal Government, from being claimed by Y temporary workers or illegal aliens given status by this Act until they adjust to legal permanent resident status.

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Reid Amendment No. 1492 (to Amendment No. 1235), to require the use of objective criteria to determine which undocumented persons have sufficient community ties to be awarded a Z visa and remain in the United States lawfully.

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Reid Amendment No. 1493 (to Amendment No. 1199), to require employers seeking to hire aliens to certify that they have not, and do not intend to, provide a notice of a mass layoff.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 33 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 203), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, amended, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7278–79**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above) failed. **Page S7279**

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 204), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having not voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S7279**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the bill failed. **Pages S7279–80**

A unanimous-consent agreement request was granted permitting Senator Chambliss, who was listed as absent, to vote nay on Vote No. 194, changing the outcome of the vote to 51 yeas to 46 nays relative to Reid (for Kyl/Specter) Amendment No. 1460 adopted on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. **Pages S7310**

By 71 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. 205), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Pages S7312–13**

By 45 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 206), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration rejected the motion to close further debate on Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150 (listed above). **Page S7313**

Clean Energy Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy. **Page S7313**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2007; that the time be equally divided and controlled until 4:30 p.m. between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. **Page S7416**

Attorney General Gonzales Sense of the Senate—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res.

14, expressing the sense of the Senate that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales no longer holds the confidence of the Senate and of the American people, at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 11, 2007, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; provided further that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S7416**

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S7312**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—206) **Pages S7278–79, S7313**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:33 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7416.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, to be Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan, after the nominee, testified and answer questions on his behalf.

CONTINENTAL SHELF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY-RELATED USES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine alternative energy-related uses on the outer continental shelf, focusing on opportunities, issues, and implementation of Section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public